

The Utton Transboundary Resources Center, based at the University of New Mexico School of Law, provides impartial multidisciplinary expertise and academic research in promoting collaboration among diverse stakeholders in reaching equitable and sustainable solutions for “transboundary resources” – shared resources which cross political jurisdictions and international, state, or tribal boundaries.

It was established in 2001 to honor and carry on the work of Professor Albert E. Utton. Internationally recognized, Professor Utton devoted his 40-year career to dialogue across borders and peaceful resolution of potential disputes over shared natural resources. The Utton Center has an Advisory Board of local and national experts in natural resource management that it can draw upon for guidance and support.

**The Center's
Purpose is
Simple:
to Facilitate
Collaboration
in Natural
Resources
Management**



Critical choices lie ahead in all aspects of natural resource management, especially water, and today's water policy choices will affect the future. The Utton Center is the

only legal-based entity in New Mexico which provides impartial programs and expert assistance regarding long-term responsible management of complex transboundary water and natural resource issues.

The Center focuses on innovative resolutions that bridge political and cultural boundaries.

Utton Center's Water Projects

Projects are proactive, not reactive, and seek to identify and avoid potential problems.

Current Projects

• **Water Matters!**
Edition for the New Mexico Legislature – an informative annual primer on current water issues published for New Mexico Legislators and others.

• **Land and Water Connection** – organizing expert discussions around western water policy to explore the nexus between land use and availability of water.

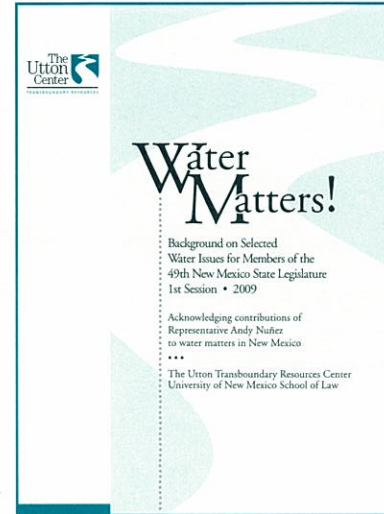
• **Expertise and Outreach** – providing research and guidance on water issues to elected officials, water managers and scientists, the media, faculty, students, non-profit organizations, other institutions of higher learning, and the public.

• **Rio Grande projects** – participation in various projects including regional water conservation, endangered species and habitat restoration, and planning regarding basin water supply.

• **New Mexico/Chihuahua Commission** – representing New Mexico on the water committee dealing with water issues of mutual interest to the U.S. and Mexico.

• **Border Governors Water Table** – representing New Mexico as part of a ten-state group that considers water issues of mutual interest to the U.S. and Mexican states.

• **Western Water projects** – organizing a wide-ranging discussion of western water policy and preparing an analysis of federal restoration activities.



Some Completed Projects

Law and Policy

- Water Matters!
- Energy Water Nexus Program
- Complete Legislative History of Rio Grande Reservoirs
- Model Interstate Water Compact
- New Mexico Regional Water Authority Statute
- Rural Water Systems Assessment
- Reservoir Storage Scenarios
- Water Courts Analysis
- State Water Plan - Public Comment Synthesis

Conferences and Workshops

- Land and Water Planning
Winters Centennial Conference
Model Interstate Water Compact
Climate Change CLE (with Natural Resources Section, State Bar)
- Energy Water Nexus CLE
- Rio Grande Reservoir Symposium
- Bosque Restoration Workshops
- Transboundary Waters: Crossing Cultural Boundaries
- Media Workshop
- Conference on Law, Science and Water

Education

- Practical Application of Water Law, UNM School of Law
- Collaboration with New Mexico Tech (Decision Makers)
- Dividing the Waters
Conference (Collaboration)
- Programs with Natural Resources Faculty
- Universities Partnership
Transboundary Waters

For more information on these projects, visit our website:

<http://uttoncenter.unm.edu>



Water Issues Can't Wait

The Center concerns itself with all natural resources, however, due to the scarcity of water in the Southwest and intense disagreements within the U.S. and internationally, the Center is currently focused on water issues. The immense challenges presented by climate change, escalating energy-water demands, and the need to conserve resources must be addressed now.

◆ *The Joe M Stell Water Ombudsman Program*

is a major initiative of the Utton Center. It provides statewide public education regarding water rights and impartial guidance to unrepresented water rights claimants in the adjudication of water rights. The Program also provides pre-mediation education and mediator training. Its primary purpose is to streamline the adjudication process by providing claimants with unbiased information about the multifaceted process.



Academic Application

The Utton Center adds to the resources of the University of New Mexico Law School and knowledge of all water resource students regarding the allocation of water resources and preservation of the environment. The Center assists with the water law curriculum as adjunct faculty and employs students interested in water resources or environmental law.

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*Future generations
will question our
thinking if we don't
look forward to
making good
decisions on the
development of
this water resource.*

~ Joe M Stell ”

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*The convergence
of increasing
demand and
inadequate laws
and legal
institutions can
be described
accurately as a
collision course.*

~ Albert E. Utton



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